

KAISER MIGHT ACCEPT PEACE PROPOSALS

But They Must be "Compatible With Germany's Dignity and Safety," Declared Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg in Addressing Reichstag To-day

CONTINUATION OF WAR THROWN ON THE ALLIES

Having Achieved Great Military Successes, Germany Declines Responsibility for Fighting for Further Conquests—Chancellor Asserts Germany Still Well Supplied

Berlin, Dec. 9, by wireless.—"If our enemies make peace proposals compatible with Germany's dignity and safety, then we shall always be ready to discuss them," said Imperial Chancellor Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg in addressing the Reichstag to-day.

The chancellor made it clear that in his opinion it would be folly for Germany to propose peace "as long as in the countries of our enemies guilt and ignorance of statesmanship are entangled with a confusion of public opinion."

Conscious of her military successes, the chancellor said, Germany declines the responsibility for further continuation of the war. Germany, he declared, could not be charged with the purpose of fighting on to make further conquests. "War can be terminated only by peace which will give a certificate that war will not return," the chancellor declared. "We all agree about that." He asserted that Germany's food supplies are sufficient and her immense stores of copper adequate for many years.

In his address Chancellor Hollweg made response to the Socialist interpellation, "Is the imperial chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions under which he would be willing to enter peace negotiations?" In his reply the chancellor, with impassioned force, stated his position. His remarks were cheered with great enthusiasm.

The chancellor began his address by saying: "In the countries at war with Germany there has been much discussion of the Socialist interpellation and the knowledge that peace was to be discussed in the Reichstag has been the source of satisfaction in these countries. This is incomprehensible in view of the success won in the campaign against Serbia, which opened the road to Germany's Turkish allies and threatened the most vulnerable points of the British empire. Although this situation would explain a desire for peace on the part of the enemies, none had made overtures."

Speaking of the guarantee of the position of Germany in the future, the chancellor said: "We do not fight in order to subjugate other nations. We fight for protection of our life and liberty. For the German government the war always has been what was the beginning of the war of defense for the German nation and her future."

2,000,000 LABOR MEN FORM NEW UNION

Great Organization of British Employees Is Said to Be for Both Offensive and Defensive Action.

London, Dec. 9.—The largest labor organization in the history of England, representing about 2,000,000 men, was formed to-day for the purpose of offensive or defensive action in matters respecting the wages and conditions of work.

COMMUNIPAW REPORTED.

American Oil Steamer Did Not Sail Until After She Was Declared Sunk.

London, Dec. 9.—The American oil steamer Communipaw, reported sunk by a submarine off the coast of Tripoli, sailed from Alexandria, Egypt, for New York Dec. 8, according to Lloyd's announcement.

The first report that the Communipaw was sunk was received Dec. 7, so it would appear that it must have been some other vessel which was torpedoed.

SON-IN-LAW ARRESTED

On Charge of Striking Mrs. Helen Boutwell with a Club.

Rutland, Dec. 9.—Robert M. Dornes of Castleton was arrested yesterday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Carl A. Beach, charged with assault, the warrant having been issued by State's Attorney C. V. Foulle following an investigation by the county official of the circumstances surrounding the assault on Mrs. Helen Boutwell of Castleton, who was probably killed over the head by a man who entered her home at Castleton yesterday morning at 3 o'clock. It is understood that Dornes made some sort of a statement concerning his connection with the affair to State's Attorney Foulle, but this official could say nothing last night as to the nature of the statement.

CAPTURED WHOLE STAFF

A Russian Scouting Party Made a Daring Expedition in Enemy's Lines

SURPRISED TROOPS THROWN INTO PANIC

One Colonel Was Killed While Trying to Escape

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 9.—The entire staff of the 82d German army division has been captured by Russian mounted scouts and brought as prisoners into the Russian lines as the result of a daring night raid recently, according to unofficial accounts just received.

Under cover of darkness a small party of scouts worked its way past the German trenches toward the German base. Coming upon a village they sent out a reconnoitering party ahead. A German sentry gave the alarm and a few minutes later a German cavalry squadron galloped out, followed by two companies of Austrian landstorm troops. The Russians concealed themselves and when they opened fire the Germans and Austrians became panic-stricken.

While some of the scouts followed the retreating troops, capturing many of them, others surrounded a mansion in which were the officers' quarters and are said to have captured two generals, seven staff officers and several Red Cross physicians. A colonel was killed while attempting to escape. The whole incident took less than 15 minutes.

GERMANS LOST MUNITIONS DEPOT

French Artillery Fire Blew It Up Near St. Souplet—British Submarine Destroyed Turkish Torpedo Boat Destroyer.

Paris, Dec. 9.—In the Champagne district French artillery has caused the explosion of a German munitions depot at a point near St. Souplet, according to announcement this afternoon by the war office. French counter-attacks near Souain continue to drive the Germans back.

The statement regarding the operations on the Gallipoli peninsula tells of the sinking of the Turkish torpedo boat destroyer Yavuz by a British submarine. Two officers and forty men were taken prisoner.

Four towns near the southwestern frontier have been captured by the Bulgarians, the war office announced to-day.

Blocked by Derailed Engine Traffic at Wells River Was Seriously Impeded To-day.

Wells River, Dec. 9.—The derailment of a mogul engine on the Vermont side of the Connecticut river railroad bridge at 2 o'clock this morning interfered seriously with traffic at this point to-day. The engine still lies on its side in such a manner as to block the track. Passengers on the Green Mountain express over the Montpelier & Wells River line walked across the bridge and then boarded the train on the latter line after some hours' delay.

National Retailers to Meet in Cleveland. Sec. Hinman of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association received notice to-day that the convention of the National Retail Monument Dealers' association will be held in Cleveland, O., during August, 1916.

Talk of the Town Miss Louise Douglas, who has been the guest of Miss Ruth Parker of Spaulding street, returned yesterday to her home in St. John's, P. Q.

Raimundo Fernandez returned to the city last evening from New York, after a five months' absence from Barre. Since last summer Mr. Fernandez has traveled extensively, visiting his former home in Santander, Spain, and spending a few weeks in Cuba. He expects to pass the winter in Barre.

George M. Marston of the Marston steamship agency received a telegram this morning from the New York office of the Navigazione Generale Italiana Co., stating that passenger steamships over the company's trans-Atlantic line are to resume trips in the near future. When the Italian liner Verma was torpedoed a few months ago, the company recalled all of its passenger boats plying in both directions between Italy and the United States. Later the passenger boats were used for the transportation of freight, but passenger traffic was discontinued by officials. To-day's announcement from the New York agency states that the liner Scamporr will sail from the metropolis with passengers for Italy on the afternoon of Dec. 28.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bitchelder of Plainfield, who were married at the Methodist Episcopal parsonage in that village last evening, arrived in the city last night for a visit of several days. Mr. and Mrs. Bitchelder are stopping at Hotel Barre. The bride's name was Miss Ruth Vincent, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Vincent, and she came to the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Bitchelder, the former being a prominent business man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. W. Hewitt, the Methodist pastor, in the presence of immediate friends and near relatives of the couple. Mr. Bitchelder is a well-known Plainfield young man, and after a visit in Barre and vicinity they will return to Plainfield to make their home.

MONTPELIER

Rialto Bridge to Be Left Uncompleted Until Next Spring.

Until next spring arrives to thaw out cement which may have frozen before it set, the new Rialto steel and cement bridge in Montpelier will have a surface of planks. When warm weather strikes Vermont again, the planks will be replaced with paving blocks of some material. The decision to plank the bridge was reached last evening at the regular city council meeting. Gravel or sand will be spread over the cement surface and over this will be laid the planks. Engineer Reed ventured the belief that traffic could be accommodated on the south side of the bridge almost as soon as the planks are procured. The traction company probably will not be able to run cars over the structure for ten days.

Attorney Benjamin Gates appeared in behalf of Frank Barrett and offered a protest against the sidewalk assessment, basing the complaint on the grounds that Mr. Barrett was not materially benefited by the new walks, his residence being located on a corner lot. Mr. Gates voiced the belief that if the assessments are made according to benefits to abutters, his client should not be taxed as much in proportion as his neighbors.

The council informed Mr. Gates that a committee had investigated the Barrett matter and had reached the conclusion that he should not be exempted from the regular assessment. Notwithstanding the fact that the land owners might not use the new walk, it would increase the property value and it seemed fair to the committee that no discrimination be made.

Included in a number of license applications considered by the council was one from O. H. Hale of Barre desirous of being licensed to ply his trade of auctioneer in Montpelier. Alderman Parker called attention to the fact that Mr. Hale had conducted auctions a year ago without paying for the privilege and had repeatedly ignored requests for the license fee.

The application was referred to the license committee for investigation and report, along with an application made by J. J. Williams to store gasoline on his property on East State street. Several other licenses were granted.

A communication was read by Alderman Ryan from F. O. Sinclair, a bridge constructor, containing some figures relating to the erection of a new bridge across the north branch river near the ice house.

The letter contained the information that \$1,175 would build a new steel bridge of sufficient strength to hold in safety a load of ten tons on four wheels. The bridge would be completed by March 1 if started in season.

The letter excited discussion among the members of the council, some voicing the opinion that repairs could be made much cheaper with proportionate satisfaction.

To provide for the unfortunate travelers who visit Montpelier during the winter and ask for sleeping accommodations, the council voted to authorize the chief of police to rent a room for the season, to be used to house all who may call at the station and request a night's lodging. An expenditure of not more than \$8 per month is to be allowed.

Misses Ruby Theriault and Phyllis Hill announce the opening of the Harper Parlor for shampooing, manicuring, facial massage and scalp treatment by the Martha Matilda Harper method, at 43 State street, Montpelier, Vt., Phone 636-M.

Walter A. Washburn returned this morning from Boston, where he was called in by the sick in the illness of his sister, Miss Hilda E. Washburn. She submitted to an operation at the Massachusetts General hospital Monday and her condition is satisfactory.

Driver Snow of the fire department was taken to Heaton hospital yesterday afternoon, suffering with hernia. It is not believed that an operation will be necessary.

Miss Lena Piccoli of River street, who was taken ill at her home with what was thought to be appendicitis, was removed to Heaton hospital, as stated in yesterday's paper. She has recovered so that she expects to resume her work to-morrow.

Thirty members of the local office of the Massachusetts, including the officers and the drill team, which participated in the recent state rally of the order held in this city, gathered last evening at Jewett inn for a banquet. Mrs. Mary Goss and Hazel Root furnished vocal solos following the dinner and informal talks from the officers were enjoyed.

As a part of the two days' Christmas sale commenced yesterday in the vestry of the Church of the Messiah, a one-act comedy, "His Model Wife," was presented to the evening by the young people of the church. A turkey dinner was served yesterday noon in the vestry and this evening the junior alliance will serve a hash supper. The principals in the comedy presented were Kenneth Goss, William Farwell, Harold Berry, Misses Margaret Blanchard, Elizabeth Cutler and Grace Ellis.

The local society of Eagles at the annual meeting last evening held in the club-rooms on Main street elected the following officers for the year ensuing: President, C. E. Lower, vice-president, E. M. Menard; secretary, John Ferrar; treasurer, R. T. Cullen; inside guard, Michael Marston; outside guard, Harlan Darling; physician, Dr. W. R. Harkness; trustees, Carl Knapp, George Roberts and Joseph Paulin.

Mrs. George H. Walton of Elm street has gone to Woodville, N. H., for a visit with her son, Basil Walton.

Francis Menard, aged 17, is alleged to have confessed to the police last night that he took \$26 from a table at the Christmas sale in the Church of the Messiah yesterday afternoon. Suspicion was directed toward him because he was the only boy in the church at the time.

In probate court to-day Mrs. H. Hiram of Hardwick settled his accounts as administrator of the estate of Martha T. Cranston, late of Colchester.

John H. Senter had received a letter from his son, John T. Senter, Jr., who is with the British troops in the western European war. Senter, in which the writer says the weather is becoming cold but that the troops are well equipped for the rigors of winter.

Chairman Robert W. Simonds of the industrial accident board has gone to New York City for a brief business visit. Yesterday Mr. Simonds and Mr. Francis of the board held a hearing at Treasury

GREAT BRITAIN HAS HEEDED U. S. PROTEST

Will Requisition No Ships of American Trans-Atlantic Co. Until Such Time as Test Cases Are Decided in Prize Court

TWO BOATS NOW HELD NOT REQUISITIONED

Steamers Hocking and Genesee Will Be Held, However, Until the Prize Court Makes Known Its Decision—Important Victory for United States

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—Ambassador Page at London advised the state department to-day that Great Britain had acceded to the American protest against the requisitioning of ships of the American Trans-Atlantic company. Test cases will be made of the steamers Hocking and Genesee, which will not be requisitioned until the prize court makes the decision of the prize courts. In the meantime no other vessels of the company will be seized.

ASKS DISAVOWAL OF ANCONA LOSS FROM AUSTRIA

State Department Sends Sharp But Friendly Note to Vienna Which Seeks Also for Assurance that the Act Will Not Be Repeated.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—The United States has sent to Austria-Hungary a note asking for a disavowal of the submarine attack on the Italian liner Ancona, assurances that such an act will not be repeated, some degree of punishment for the commander of the submarine and reparation for the American lives lost.

The communication started by cable Tuesday from the state department to Ambassador Frederick C. Penfield at Vienna, who was instructed to hand it to the Austro-Hungarian minister of foreign affairs, Baron Barian.

Friendly but firm terms, it is said, characterized the document which is understood to make a particular point of prompt assurance for the future safety of American lives. Austria-Hungary has never informed the United States whether the commander of its submarines had been given instructions similar to those which the German government gave to its commanders after the Lusitania tragedy. It is understood the note alluded particularly to the charge that shells from the submarine killed or wounded some passengers on the Ancona after she had halted, and asked for an explanation on that point.

Talk of the Town Mrs. C. L. Bugbee of Washington street left the city last evening for Boston, where she expects to remain through the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Frederick Smith.

Miss Mabel Chandler, a teacher in the Mathewson school, has been called to her home in Berlin by illness in the family. Her place at the school is being filled by Mrs. Wallace Grady.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Batchelder and Mrs. Rufus G. Whitcomb of Plainfield were among the visitors in the city to-day. Mr. Batchelder will attend the annual meeting of Mount Sinai temple in Montpelier to-morrow night.

The Winoski Valley Association of School Superintendents will meet to-morrow with Supr. Lester of Plainfield. Supr. C. H. White of the city schools is a member of the association and will probably be present at the meeting.

Mrs. R. E. Robinson of Ferrisburg, widow of Rowland E. Robinson, Vermont's blind author, arrived in the city last evening to attend the funeral of her brother, Charles F. Stevens of Highland avenue, whose death occurred Tuesday night after a long illness.

Word has been received in Barre of the death, at Johnson City, Tenn., of Ward Crosby, a member of the old civil engineering firm of Crosby & Parker, who surveyed the switchback railroad to Barre granite quarries from this city back in 1888. Mr. Crosby was a resident of Barre several years and during that time the engineering firm of Crosby & Parker was founded. The new member being Charles S. Currier. The body of Mr. Crosby was brought to Orange, Mass., and the funeral service was held yesterday. He was about 55 years of age and is survived by his wife, Miss Barbara Crosby, at present a teacher in Spaulding high school, is a relative.

In the case of Patrick Larkin, injured while employed by the Steam Milling Co., Mrs. Jennie Larkin of School street left last evening for New York City on a brief business visit.

Alfred H. Burt, a junk dealer, was arrested last night by Chief Constable for Chief P. J. Murphy of Abol, Mass., on a charge of larceny of \$200 on Sept. 13 from the Boston Furniture Co., made by Isaac Walker of Abol. Burt is said to be a native of Abol and is said to be a collector of junk.

He told the police that he was a victim of circumstantial evidence and that he would return without requisition papers.

AN IMPOSING ARRAY

At Presbyterian Ladies' Fair, Which Opened Last Night.

A sizeable assembly was present at the opening of the Presbyterian fair at the church vestry last evening. On entering the door the guests' attention was immediately taken up by the imposing array of tastefully decorated booths on either side of the hall. At these counters it was possible to purchase almost anything in the way of Christmas presents or good things to eat which one could ask for. Many people were conducted to the "tea-room," where hot tea and coffee, sandwiches, cake and ice cream were served. This room was given special attention by the decorators, being festooned with red and green crepe paper and hung around with Christmas bells.

The program last evening, as announced by Rev. Edgar Crossland, was as follows: Piano duet, John and William Morrison; pantomime, "Wanted, a Wife"; vocal solo, Miss Agnes Keith; reading, Miss Edith Watson; vocal solo, Miss Alice Walker; piano solo, Miss Nellie Sloan; vocal solo, Miss Bella Cantley. The pantomime was acted by five well-known local thespians whose ability along those lines has been demonstrated before, Misses Hazel Mackay, Ruth Milne and Mary Watson, with William Edwards and Raymond Arkley making up the cast.

The fair is being conducted under the auspices of a combination of the ladies' aid society and the ladies' auxiliary, the following committee being in charge: Mrs. Murdo Melver, Mrs. James S. Milne, Mrs. Peter Park, Mrs. John Brechin, Mrs. John Robertson, Mrs. Alex. Mackie. The apron booth is in charge of Mrs. James S. Milne, Mrs. Henry Farrar, Mrs. Alex. Mackie and Mrs. Alex. Massie. Mrs. Alex. Milne and Mrs. Alex. Stewart have the supervision of the food counter. The candy store is run by Mrs. George Young and Miss Willimina Walker. The Misses Mary Stephens, Nellie Carle and Hanna Farrar are the managers of the Sunday school booth. Mrs. Peter Park and Mrs. John Morrison are the vendors of cloths for cleaning all kinds of silverware and Mrs. William Catto and Mrs. James MacKenzie sell fancywork. The tea-room is in charge of Mrs. John Brechin, Mrs. John Robertson, Mrs. Annabella McCaskill, Mrs. James Rhind, Mrs. James Clubb and Mrs. James Robertson.

This afternoon comes the home-made food sale and afternoon tea. The program for the evening will be an entire change, but will surely be equally as good as that of last night.

Pried Open Window A burglar who revealed marked adaptability in the use of the point chisel, with which all stonecutters are familiar, forced an entrance into the millinery parlors of Mrs. Stella Lavolette in the Mascott estate building sometime last evening and left the premises richer by some \$250, the contents of a cash drawer.

From closing time until 10 o'clock, the owner of the business was absent, and it is thought that the thief mounted the rear stairs and opened a window with the aid of a chisel. The milliner's millinery was not disturbed, the marauder contenting himself with forcing the cash drawer and rifling it. On her return at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Lavolette noticed police headquarters. Officers John W. Dineen and Harry Gamble investigated the break.

R. W. McCuen Appointed. On State Fair Commission to Succeed W. A. Lawrence, Deceased.

Governor C. W. Gates has appointed Robert W. McCuen of Vergennes as the Addison county member of the state fair commission to succeed W. A. Lawrence of Bristol, deceased. Mr. McCuen was a member of the House in 1906 and 1910, and a senator from his county in 1912. He is a member of the Tercentenary commission and the commission to provide a memorial to Commodore Thomas McDonough.

More Cases Heard. In Which Domestic Infidelity Has Caused Divorce Action.

Five divorce cases, all uncontested, were heard yesterday afternoon by Assistant Judges Dale and Dana in Washington county court and the judges were engaged in hearing similar cases to-day. The cases heard yesterday afternoon after the Girard case were as follows: Walter J. Chatterton vs. Rita E. Chatterton; Ned Alexander vs. Lillian Alexander; Mark S. Ladd vs. Ruth M. Ladd; Ruth Ripley vs. John Ripley.

The case of Harriet Sun vs. Hazle Sun was heard this morning.

Plan Happier Christmas in Barre. Another meeting of the municipal Christmas tree organization is expected to be held this week. Then the committee will come together and make known what progress has been made in different directions. The various parts of the program will be given a definite outline and the time for the festivities will be fixed. Interest is manifested by the many written relatives, stating their delight in learning that there is to be such a tree at home. Some of them have seen the questions put to those who know what is being done. A number of Barre people who read The Times while away have seen the tree worked out in other places and are quite certain that it is very feasible.

In reading of the celebration of the birth of the Saviour as held in the days of old, one feels impressed with the thought that a bigger and nobler feeling prevailed than does on the same occasion in our present time. In their games and amusements of all sorts there was not that confinement under individual partitions and to separate heartaches. Every child was free to move about and play with his or her friends. The young people were not confined to the hall but were free to move about and play with their friends. The young people were not confined to the hall but were free to move about and play with their friends.

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DULL CARE HAD NO STANDING

At Annual Banquet of Barre Granite Manufacturers' Association

160 BANQUETERS HAD KEEN PLEASURE

Alexander D. ... Elected President of the Association

A future luminous with many possibilities in the stone industry of Barre was indicated in the yearly report of officers at the annual meeting of the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association, which was held in Manufacturers' hall yesterday afternoon, culminating in the evening with a most enjoyable banquet at Hotel Barre. Unsettled industrial conditions last spring to the contrary notwithstanding, the officers' records of the 12-month, as read yesterday, point unmistakably to a year of fine accomplishments and hold the prophecy of substantial business increases in 1916. The business meeting and the banquet served to bring together nearly every granite manufacturer in Barre, East Barre, Williamstown, Montpelier, Waterbury, Northfield and West Berlin, and their number was augmented by a number of invited guests at the banquet, including city officials and the representatives of several trade journals in the East.

At 1 o'clock the directors met in executive session and an hour later the regular meeting began. Reports read by the secretary-treasurer, the president and several committees all bespoke the firm purpose of the association in boosting Barre granite. Sec. H. P. Hinman's review of the year, his first in that capacity, by the way, told in detail of the year's doings in the granite plants. Nearly 140 manufacturers, the largest enrollment ever, are now members of the association.

Officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows: President, Alexander Duncan of the North Barre Granite Co.; first vice-president, T. E. Callahan of the Columbian Granite Co., Montpelier; second vice-president, William J. McDonald of the World Granite Co., East Barre; secretary-treasurer, Harold P. Hinman; directors, James T. Marston of Marston & O'Leary, James Brown of the Dewey Column & Cutting Works, Stephen Rizzi of Rizzi Bros., John A. Cross of Cross Bros., Northfield, and H. J. M. Jones of Jones Bros.; grievance committee, Alexander Duncan, James T. Marston and Robert Q. McDonnell of McDonnell & Sons; between-committee, Alexander Duncan, John A. Cross and John B. Magrath of the Presbury-Coykendall Co.; railroad committee, H. J. M. Jones, William A. Murray of the Harrison Granite Co., and R. Q. McDonnell; claims committee, H. D. Stevens of Stevens & Jones, Joseph Calanini of Novelli & Calanini and Samuel Gerrard of the Gerrard-Barclay Co.; auditors, J. H. Magnaghi and Alexander A. Milne of Hoyt & Milne.

A vote of thanks was tendered H. J. M. Jones for his faithful performance of duty in the executive office and then the manufacturers turned from the more exacting demands of business to refreshment. George Robbins of Robbins Bros., held up the bundle end of the punch ladle and from the hour of adjournment until 8 o'clock, when the banquet began, the buffet service in one corner of the hall was noticeably popular.

A Reign of Jollity. Even the commodious dining-room at Hotel Barre was scarcely large enough to accommodate the diners who sought places at banquet time. Never one questioned in the past, the hospitality of the manufacturers at the dinner was a thing to remember. Covers were laid for 160 people and vacant spots in the long rows of tables were conspicuously absent. Manager John V. Rowley did not content himself with giving his guests the best cuisine the house afforded. To make the occasion as auspicious as possible, an orchestra led by John Carroll played throughout the dinner hour and furnished accompaniment for some of the vocal numbers that were included in an entirely novel after-dinner program.

H. J. M. Jones gracefully did the honors as master of ceremonies, although when the first wined and dined, it was not impossible for one to become confused in distinguishing the master and his subordinates. Between courses little Mademoiselle Sonia, in a dainty repertoire of violin and vocal solos brought the gathering to its feet. The young lady's mother accompanied her on the piano, with an occasional accompaniment by the orchestra. For her closing number Sonia played "The Roseary," duly coddled herself with giving his guests the way was opened for the appearance of Madame Nora Murphy and Terence Finn, who brought along a bundle of original musical offerings. The madame introduced a number of genuine cultural features that seemed to find ready favor with older members of the company.

Song, that is to say, melody of the more persuasive type, was the stock in trade of Madame Sonia and her kinking partner. Both were heartily applauded, and it was a singular fact that the loudest and the longest applause came from some of the children.

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